review the Syllabus of entry-level training for IAS officers. The Committee is yet to give its recommendations.

Sixth Pay Commission

1067. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering setting up a Sixth Pay Commission for Central Government employees, who are paid 2.5 times more than what the private sector counterpart get according to a World Bank study;

(b) whether the Fifty Pay Commission imposed a burden of around half a percentage of GDP with cascading adverse effects on State exchequers whose employees were also clamouring for parity with the Central scales; and

(c) whether Government are considering that the impending resource crunch, would mandate the Sixth Pay Commission to examine not just pay revision but also downsizing of the workforce wherever found necessary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) (a) Government is initiating steps for setting up the Sixth Pay Commission for Central Government employees.

(b) Fifth Central Pay Commission had estimated the financial implications of their recommendations at Rs. 8800 crore per annum. The recommendations of the Fifth Central Pay commission did not cover State Government employees. However State Governments were free to decide the applicability of Fifty Central Pay Commission revised pay scales for their employees.

(c) The terms of reference of the Sixth Pay Commission have not been finalized.

Purview of Lok Ayukta

1068. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had widened the purview of the Lok Ayukta, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cases pending with various Lok Ayuktas in each State and UT;

(d) the number of cases disposed off so far;

(e) whether there is inadequate staff in various Lok Ayuktas;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the steps being taken by Government to overcome such problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) (a) to (g) The subject is the concern of the State governments. Government of India has issued no guidelines in this regard.

Indefinite strike by Government employees

† 1069. SHRIMOTILALVORA:
SHRIMATI VANGAGEETHA:

WHI the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government employees have declared to go on an indefinite strike from 1st March, 2006;

(b) if so, the demands made by them and Government's viewpoint thereon;

(c) since when these demands of Central Government employees are pending; and

(d) by when a final decision would be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI) (a) The Central Government employees have decided to defer their decision to go on the strike after discussing their demands with Government on 15.02.2006.

(b) to (d) A statement on 20-Point Charter of Demands which was submitted by the Staff Side on 12.12.2005, is enclosed (See below). These demands have been discussed with Staff Side and action has been initiated in accordance with the provisions of the JCM Scheme.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.